

The Narnia OUTREACH PROJECT *Teaching Guide*

OVERVIEW

You hold in your hands a unique resource—a multi-faceted learning tool that will empower you to give your students an innovative way to connect with Christ. Based on C.S. Lewis' timeless adventure, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, this series will take your students deep into the heart of Narnia where they will study spiritual parallels in the lives of the main characters. In the final week, they will be faced with a question we each must answer: **What will I do with the life God has given me?**

The Narnia Outreach Project is much more than a curriculum. It is also an effective outreach model. Your students will be challenged to step out of their comfort zones by inviting their friends to the movie, and then talking about God with them afterward at an event you will organize. This goes much further than entertainment. This is about discipling your young people to make the most of every opportunity to tell others about the love of Jesus.

Youth groups can easily turn each weekly meeting into an outreach. As guests are exposed to the Biblical principles that are being taught, their hearts will be more open to receiving from God when they see the movie. Christian schools or youth groups that may not be able to invite others to the meetings can still capitalize on the movie itself to reach out to youth in the community.

UTILIZING THE CD AND DVD

This 4-week study is packed full of teaching and video material to aid you as you share the stories and lessons of *Narnia* with your students. We recommend that you print out this TEACHING GUIDE and review each lesson before you teach, highlighting the content you would like to cover with your group. We have provided much more material than you'll be able to use, with the ability to customize it for your group.

You will need a computer with a CD player to view the teaching and supplemental materials. For the videos, we recommend that you use a large TV or projection screen with DVD capabilities so everyone can get a good look at the clips. If you do not have access to larger equipment, the videos can be viewed from the CD or DVD on a computer. Every video clip on the CD is also on the DVD, so you have the flexibility of using either disc to show the material.

Printable Materials

There is an ADDITIONAL RESOURCES menu on the CD where you will find all of the printable marketing pieces (invitations and posters) and teaching supplements (handouts that go with the lessons). These are referenced throughout the TEACHING GUIDE and you can use them as you see fit.

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Videos

Ron Luce, the president of Teen Mania, recorded a special greeting to youth workers, educators and young people. Michael Flaherty, the president of Walden Media, recorded a special greeting to youth workers and educators. You'll find both of these clips on the main menu screen of the CD and DVD.

There is an intro video (see weekly JOURNEY clips) by Ron Luce that will be shown at the beginning of each teaching session. There are also other videos you will find under the SPECIAL FEATURES menu option on both the CD and DVD. You can show these to your group before you start the curriculum to get them excited, and/or during the curriculum as supplemental material.

We recommend showing the movie trailer as many times as you can in the weeks leading up to the start of the study. It will help build anticipation for the curriculum and the viewing of the movie!

PUTTING TOGETHER A PLAN

As you prepare to use this study, you may have the privilege of heading to the theatre to see the movie (it opens December 9, 2005). Or, you may be using the DVD at a later date to show the movie in your church, school or community center.

For those planning on heading to the theatre, how would you like to see the movie a day before its release? If you live in the U.S. and can get a group of 50 people together you can purchase special tickets at a discounted price to preview the film on December 8th. This program is open to any type of group (including those involved in faith, civic and educational institutions). The only requirement is that you have 50 people in your group. This is a great opportunity to draw even more people into your outreach event. Go to: www.narniaresources.com and click on the "Tickets & Previews" button to get more information.

Plan on starting the curriculum at least one month prior to seeing the movie, and, if applicable, be sure to secure your tickets at the movie theatre as soon as possible. (When planning your meetings, keep in mind that Thanksgiving is only two weeks before the release of the movie.)

THROW A PARTY!

The most important moment and the climax of the whole project is when group watches *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* together. It might be easy to get caught up in the details of preparing for each lesson, but don't forget the goal of this event: to give your students a unique opportunity to share their faith with their friends.